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20. — *Letters on the Ministry of the Gospel.* By FRANCIS WAYLAND.
Boston : Gould and Lincoln. 1863. 16mo. pp. 210.

THESE letters form a connected treatise on the great spiritual purpose of the ministry, and the endowments, preparations, and specific methods by which that purpose is to be attained. They are addressed especially to the condition and demands of our own time and land. We sympathize throughout with the author's aim and spirit, and fervently wish that his serious, earnest views of the ministerial work and office might be widely diffused. We feel that he has done a noble and substantial service to the Church in throwing his counsels into the epistolary form, and in availing himself of it to speak as to a friend of his own experiences, failures, and growing convictions. Much that he has written, weighty in itself, is of such a character as to derive intense power from his personality ; for there are not a few themes on which the best words depend for their worth and impressiveness on the character of him who utters or writes them. We can take but a single exception to this volume, namely, that here, as in his other writings, Dr. Wayland shows a tendency to undervalue, in its usefulness for the minister, that high and large intellectual culture, of which the American pulpit presents no more illustrious example than in him.

21. — *Woman and her Saviour in Persia.* By a Returned Missionary.
With Illustrations and a Map of the Nestorian Country. Boston :
Gould and Lincoln. 1863. 12mo. pp. 303.

NOWHERE have American missionaries been more successful than among the Nestorians in Persia. For this there are several reasons. The laborers in that field have been men and women, not only of signal excellence and devotedness, but, in several instances, of superior genius ; and there is no department of human effort which more earnestly craves, more vigorously exercises, and more richly rewards the higher, finer endowments of intellect, than the missionary enterprise. The power of rapid combination, reserved resources for unforeseen emergencies, clear insight into the capacities of a position, the gift of winged words commensurate with the burning thoughts awakened by so glorious a work, — all these are of inestimable worth in actualizing the philanthropic purpose of those who obey the Saviour's parting charge, and all these have shed lustre on the missionary records of Oroomiah. Then, too, though in moral corruption the Nestorians had the advantage of their Mussulman neighbors in no other respect than in freedom from